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1. A Soviet Liberty ship unloaded potash at Kaszubski basin of Szczecin Harbor from 8 through 14, December 1950. The south wharf in the Starowski canal, formerly the Dunzig canal, has been converted into a well-equipped general cargo wharf with large new warehouses. The cranes are being modernized and adapted for handling general cargo. This wharf is used by Soviet vessels exclusively, and is directly connected to the Soviet-occupied Central harbor. The enlarging of facilities at the wharf indicates that the capacity of the Central harbor is inadequate for Soviet needs.
2. The former German passenger ship USAMBARA has been moored at the west side of the entrance to Szczecin harbor, north of the Vulkan shipyards, since 1945. Everything above the main deck has been removed, and the ship is now being broken up.* There is very little activity at the Vulkan shipyards at present. The gasoline depot at Police (Pblitz) is being dismantled.
3. At Swinoujscie harbor, the coal-loading area south of Bootshafen at the eastern wharf is now equipped with a single 5-7 ton coal crane. The coal-loading facilities are designed for transshipment of potash rather than for loading coal.**

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* Comment: The USAMBARA, 8690 gross tons, [redacted] In view of the strenuous efforts made by the USSR to repair former German passenger ships, the current stripping is more probably a prelude to repair work than to destruction.

** Comment: The coal-loading facilities may have been established as a supplement to the frequently overloaded facilities at Szczecin harbor. 50X1-HUM

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